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Good Morning,

The State Innovation Model (SIM) Design grant application was submitted on Friday, July 18, 2014. We understand that CMS takes four to six weeks to evaluate each grant, and then we expect CMS may contact us sometime in late August or September with questions regarding our SIM grant application. According to the CMS timeline, the announcement regarding the awards for the Round Two SIM Design Grant will be on October 31, 2014 for the funding period January 1 through December 31, 2015.

We are continuing to seek broad statewide support from health care providers, public health officials, industry associations, consumer advocacy groups and others to join with us to address population health issues such as behavioral health care, tobacco use, obesity and diabetes. We will be looking into three innovations and systematic improvement areas including payer-collaboration, health care workforce and Quality Improvement Assessment.

We will continue to communicate with our stakeholders to coordinate strategic innovative ideas as we move towards the next phase, and creating the Design Model.

If you have questions or would like to submit your ideas for consideration or participate in our workgroups, please complete the attached Innovative Care Comments and email back to us. To receive future SIM updates or to refer someone who you believe could provide unique insight or knowledge in our SIM Design Model development, please email his/her contact information to us at rates@dhcfp.nv.gov.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my appreciation to Governor Sandoval and his staff, sister agency staff, DHCFP leadership and staff, and the many stakeholders for your letters of support, contributed knowledge, ideas and data. Your contributions provided the tools and knowledge necessary to present a robust SIM grant application.

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